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FROM USREP ICAO

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SUBJ: ICAO - US CONTRIBUTION

1. PURSUANT WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS RE LEGISLATION LIMITING US CONTRIBUTIONS TO ICAO, USREP ADVISED PRES COUNCIL INFORMALLY TO EXPECT FORMAL ADVICE SOON THAT CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS SET US CONTRIBUTIONS ICAO FOR 1973 AT 25 PERCENT LEVEL AND DID NOT INCLUDE THE FULL ICAO ASSESSMENT AT 28.75. USREP EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE FORMAL ADVICE WOULD INDICATE A CONTINUING EFFORT ENABLING THE US TO MEET THIS TRIENNium'S ASSESSMENT. USREP POINTED OUT THAT THIS MEANS AN ARREARS SITUATION AND A CASH SHORTFALL OF SOME DOLS 380,000.

2. BINAGHI WAS SOMEWHAT SHOCKED BUT APPRECIATED WARNING. HIS FIRST REACTION WAS REFERENCE TO A SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT, BUT WOULD TALK WITH SEC GEN AND FINANCE DIRECTOR. ALTERNATIVE MAY BE SHORT-TIME BORROWING AGAINST WCF. FYI: ICAO HAS NEVER UTILIZED ITS FULL BORROWING AUTHORITY OF 400,000 FIRST YR. TRIENNium, 500,000 BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD.

3. USREP WISHES REITERATE DEEP CONCERN RE THIS MATTER IN VIEW UPCOMING TRIENNIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ICAO WAS FIRST AGENCY
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ADOPT 25 PERCENT CEILING (IN PRINCIPLE) IN FEB. '73. FINANCE

COMMITTEE, COUNCIL AND SECRETARIAT WORKED HARD TO IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTION (WHICH GAVE FIRST PRIORITY REDUCING MINIMUM ASSESSMENT.) IMPLEMENTATION WAS PRESENTED IN 75-77 BUDGET, IS CONSIDERED INDISPUTABLE AND CONSIDERED "DONE" BY PRES/COUNCIL, SECGEN, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. REGRETTABLE IF APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATION IGNORES EFFORT BY ENTIRE ORGANIZATION WHICH SHOULD NOT BE PUT IN SAME CATEGORY AS ORGANIZATIONS STILL DELAYING ACCEPTANCE 25 PERCENT CEILING.

4. SHORTFALL OF US DOLS 380,000 DURING PERIOD OF MOVE INTO NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING ESPECIALLY UNFORTUNATE.

5. USREP URGES COMMITMENT TO CONTINUING EFFORT TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATION IN ORDER MEET ITS '72-'74 TRIENNIAL COMMITMENT. WITHOUT ANY INDICATION FURTHER EFFORT, US MAY BE SUBJECT SERIOUS CRITICISM AND REPERCUSSION DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

6. FYI: SECGEN HAS TOLD USREP THAT ITALY HAS PAID NOTHING RPT NOTHING AGAINST '74 ASSESSMENT. USSR PAID ONLY HALF (IN PREVIOUS YEARS TOTAL ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION PAID IN AUG.) URUGUAY HAS AGREED TO PAY ALL, BOLIVIA PAYING HALF, HAITI ARREARS AND OTHERS ARRANGING PARTIAL PAYMENT ARREARS. END FYI.
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